

CLAIMS

1. A pneumatic tire comprising
a tread portion provided with a block pattern being
asymmetric about the tire equator, said tread portion having an
inside tread edge and an outside tread edge to be placed on the
inside and outside of a vehicle, respectively,

outside lateral grooves extending from the outside tread
edge to a tread center region, each said outside lateral groove
having a groove center line X0 inclined towards one direction with
respect to the tire circumferential direction at an angle $\theta 0$ of
from 40 to 60 degrees with respect to the tire circumferential
direction,

inside lateral grooves extending from the inside tread
edge to the tread center region, each said inside lateral groove
having a groove center line X5 inclined at an angle $\theta 5$ of from 70
to 100 degrees with respect to the tire circumferential direction,

each portion between the circumferentially adjacent
outside lateral grooves divided into outside blocks by outside
connecting grooves extending thereacross, said outside connecting
grooves comprising a first groove, a second groove, a third groove
and a fourth groove arranged in this order from the outside tread
edge toward the inside tread edge,

the first outside connecting groove having a first groove
center line X1, the second outside connecting groove having a
second groove center line X2, the third outside connecting groove
having a third groove center line X3, the fourth outside
connecting groove having a fourth groove center line X4,
the first to fourth groove center lines X1 to X4 inclined
reversely to the groove center lines X0 of the outside lateral

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grooves with respect to the tire circumferential direction,
the inclination angles $\theta 1$ to $\theta 4$ of the first to fourth groove
center lines X1 to X4 with respect to the tire circumferential
direction being in a range of from 20 to 50 degrees and being
different from each other.

2. The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein
the angles $\theta 1$, $\theta 2$, $\theta 3$ and $\theta 4$ of the first, second, third
and fourth outside connecting grooves, respectively, satisfy the
following condition: $\theta 1 > \theta 2 > \theta 3 > \theta 4$.

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3. The pneumatic tire according to claim 2, wherein
angle differences $\theta 1 - \theta 2$, $\theta 2 - \theta 3$ and $\theta 3 - \theta 4$ are not less
than 5 degrees.

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